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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McCone

1. I checked with the DD/I and found that on 8 December, the UN threatened to attack Union Miniere communications installations in Katanga unless they were denied to Tshombe's forces. Western consuls in Elisabethville are believed to have urged the UN against such a course, and no attacks on Union Miniere installations are known to have taken place. However, in checking with DD/P, Bronson Tweedy (Chief, Africa Division) commented that while no confirming reports have been received, there is the possibility that when the UN jet "shot up" the post office and Radio Katanga in Elisabethville, the building housing Union Miniere may have been hit.

2. I have arranged for Messrs. Amory, Kent, Sheldon, and Tweedy to give you a briefing on the current situation in The Congo, and Katanga in particular, after the Deputies' Meeting on Tuesday, 12 December (about 10:30 a.m.).

3. In connection with your appointment with Mr. Hoover, I find that he does have an engagement this evening but, if convenient for you, he is holding 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 12 December, at his office. I will confirm this or make other arrangements as you desire.

4. Nothing further will be done about the locks at the house until you have had an opportunity to decide what you want. It is Security's recommendation that the locks here and in California not be the same.

5. General Cabell got in touch with [ ] on Saturday and relayed your wish to see him, preferably on Saturday, 16 December. [ ] returned to Boston today but stated he would be glad to see you there any time at your convenience on the 16th. The convair will be available for this trip. You may wish to call [ ] and set the time or, if you prefer, we can call his office and make the necessary arrangements. The flying time from Washington to Boston is 1 hour and 55 minutes, and it will take about 20 minutes to get from the airport to his office. [ ]

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